Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 12 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 13 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 11 Dec 2023 at 15:13 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a lot of dry weather on Tuesday but turning more unsettled and milder during the week.

Headline for Tuesday 12 Dec 2023: Mainly cloudy with a few showers, wintry on the tops. Drier, brighter west coast. Breezy.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 12 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	30%	30%	30%	20%	20%

Forecast for Tuesday 12 Dec 2023

Weather: Mainly dry overnight. A largely dry day along the west coast with bright or sunny spells. Cloudier elsewhere with a few showers, wintry above 700m. Feeling cold in the easterly breeze.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% in west to 30% in east.

Low cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud and fog above 600m in the east but more broken with higher cloud bases in the west. Mainly good visibility but poor at times in showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	29/38 E	33/43 E	35/44 E	33/43 E	30/39 E	26/35 E	22/30 NE	16/21 NE	10/13 NE
900	30/39 E	34/44 E	34/44 E	32/42 E	29/38 E	26/34 E	21/29 NE	15/21 NE	9/13 NE
600	21/31 E	22/35 E	23/34 E	22/33 E	20/30 E	17/26 E	13/21 NE	9/15 NE	6/10 NE
300	9/26 E	11/29 E	10/30 E	10/30 E	10/28 E	9/24 E	6/20 NE	5/15 NE	3/9 NE
Glen	17/30 E	19/33 E	18/33 E	17/33 E	16/30 E	12/25 NE	10/21 NE	8/15 NE	4/8 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-7
900	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-8	-2/-8	-2/-6
600	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-5	1/-5	1/-4	0/-4	0/-3
300	2/-2	2/-2	3/-1	3/-1	3/-0	3/-0	2/-1	2/-1	1/-1
Glen	5/0	5/0	5/0	5/1	6/2	6/2	5/2	4/1	4/2
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	700m	800m	800m	700m	700m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A cold day on the tops with strong winds and a few wintry showers.

Forecast for Wednesday 13 Dec 2023
Weather: Widespread frost overnight. Dry with sunny spells during the day but rain spreading east in the evening, with snow for a time above 500m, and southerly gales developing.

Maximum wind: South 15 to 20mph steadily increasing to 40mph gusts 60mph by evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% becoming 30% in evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility through the day. Becoming poor with cloud and snow above 500m in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3C rising to 6C.
At 800m: Minus 2C.
Freezing level: 600m rising to 900m during evening.

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